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SUBJECT: FAULKNER'S PROSPECTS AT NOVEMBER 20 UNIONIST  
COUNCIL MEETING.

FOLLOWING TRANSMITTED BY CONGEN BELFAST:

1. TWO UNIONIST PARTY HEADQUARTERS SOURCES WHO HAVE  
BEEN ROUNDING UP VOTES FOR LEADER BRIAN FAULKNER FOR  
CRUCIAL NOVEMBER 20 MEETING OF ULSTER UNIONIST COUNCIL  
GLUMLY TOLD US NOVEMBER 19 THAT MOTION OPPOSING POWER  
SHARING WITH SDLP WOULD PROBABLY PASS. THIS WOULD FORCE  
FAULKNER'S RESIGNATION AS UNIONIST PARTY LEADER. SOURCES  
THOUGHT THAT EVEN POSSIBLE NOVEMBER 19 ANNOUNCEMENT OF  
SDLP AGREEMENT TO UNIONIST MAJORITY IN EXECUTIVE WOULD  
NOT SAVE FAULKNER FROM DEFEAT.

2. SOURCES SAID FAULKNER DOES NOT HOWEVER PLAN TO  
RESIGN AS LEADER OF PLEDGED UNIONIST ASSEMBLY PARTY.  
LATTER WILL CAUCUS IMMEDIATELY AFTER COUNCIL MEETING,  
AND PROBABLY SUPPORT ALMOST UNANIMOUSLY THE COALITION  
WITH SDLP, ASSURING EXECUTIVE OF MAJORITY IN ASSEMBLY.  
PLEDGED UNIONIST ASSEMBLYMAN INVOLVED IN POWER SHARING

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NEGOTIATIONS, OBVIOUSLY LESS OPTIMISTIC NOW THAN TWO

WEEKS AGO, CONFIRMED TO US NOVEMBER 17 THAT HIS DELEGATION IS DETERMINED TO FORM EXECUTIVE REGARDLESS OF UNIONIST COUNCIL ACTION.

3. COMMENT: AN EXECUTIVE FORMED WITHOUT OFFICIAL UNIONIST PARTY SUPPORT WOULD HAVE DIM PROSPECTS FOR LONG SURVIVAL.

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